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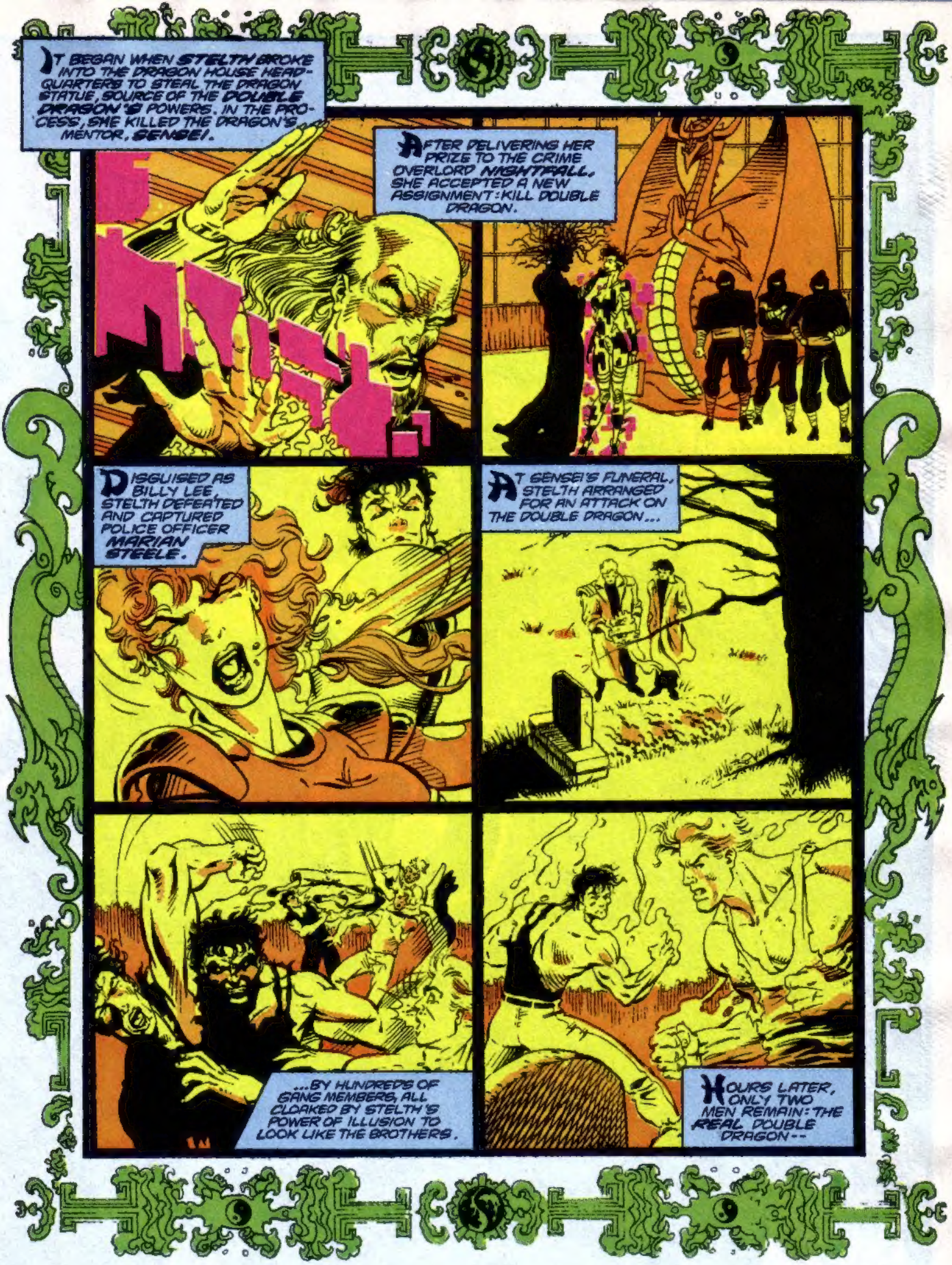
IT BEGAN WHEN STELTH BROKE INTO THE DRAGON HOUSE HEADQUARTERS TO STEAL THE DRAGON STATUE, SOURCE OF THE DOUBLE DRAGON'S POWERS. IN THE PROCESS, SHE KILLED THE DRAGON'S MENTOR, SENSEI.
AFTER DELIVERING HER PRIZE TO THE CRIME OVERLORD NIGHTFALL, SHE ACCEPTED A NEW ASSIGNMENT: KILL DOUBLE DRAGON.
DISGUISED AS BILLY LEE STELTH DEFEATED AND CAPTURED POLICE OFFICER MARIAN STEELE.
AT SENSEI'S FUNERAL, STELTH ARRANGED FOR AN ATTACK ON THE DOUBLE DRAGON...
...BY HUNDREDS OF GANG MEMBERS, ALL CLOAKED BY STELTH'S POWER OF ILLUSION TO LOOK LIKE THE BROTHERS.
HOURS LATER, ONLY TWO MEN REMAIN: THE REAL DOUBLE DRAGON--

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--BUT TRY TO CONVINCE THEM OF THAT...
MAKING OUR ARMOR APPEAR WAS A PRETTY NIFTY TRICK, BUT IF IT WAS SUPPOSED TO CONVINCE ME THAT YOU'RE REALLY MY BROTHER--YOU'RE OUT OF LUCK!
ONE DRAGON ON THE GROUND
YOUR PRATTLE FAILS TO CONFUSE ME, IMPOSTOR. IF YOU INTEND TO DEFEAT ME, IT MUST BE WITH DEEDS, NOT WORDS.
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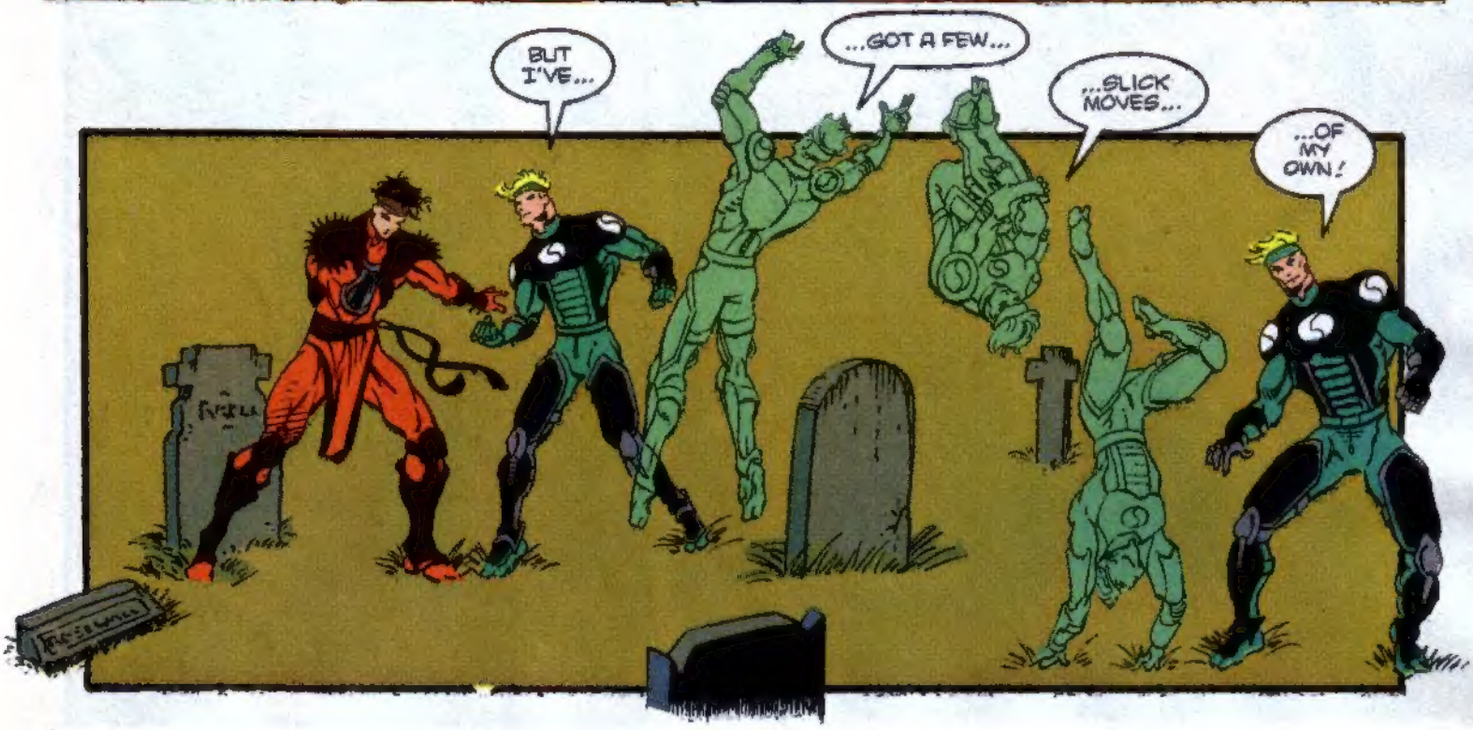
THIS IS ALMOST PERFECT! EACH OF THE DRAGONS BELIEVES THE OTHER TO BE AN IMPOSTOR.
AND WHOEVER WINS THE BATTLE WILL BE EASY PICKINGS FOR ME.
THE ARMOR IS SOMETHING I DIDN'T PLAN FOR, THOUGH. IT'S NOT MY DOING. SOMEHOW THEY'RE CALLING ON THE DRAGON FORCE!
AND, IN THE HEADQUARTERS OF NIGHTFALL...
SOMETHING IS WRONG.
THE DRAGON FORCE WAS BECOMING A PART OF ME...
...BUT NOW IT'S FLOWING BACK INTO THE STATUE!
AND I CAN'T STOP IT!

IT'S LIKE THIS, "JIMMY". IT'S BEEN A LONG NIGHT. I'D LIKE TO FIGHT FAIR. BUT I'M JUST PLUMB TUCKERED OUT.
WOOOSH
SO WHAT I'M GOING TO DO...
...IS WARM UP MY VIBE-CHUCKS...
...GET MYSELF INTO POSITION...
VWOOOO
WOOSH
VWOOOO
VOOSH
...AND TAKE YOUR HEAD OFF.
I SEE.

NICE MOVES, I SEE WHY YOU LASTED SO LONG.
VOOSH
BUT YOU MAY AS WELL GIVE UP. YOU'RE IN THE BIG LEAGUES NOW, AND SOONER OR LATER--
VWOOOOOOO
YOU ARE VERY MUCH LIKE MY BROTHER IN ONE WAY, IMPOSTOR--
--YOU SPEAK WHEN YOU SHOULD BE FIGHTING!
CHOK
URRK!

I GOTTA ADMIT, YOU NAILED ME GOOD THAT TIME.

HUCKK
WHUOD


BUT I'VE...
...GOT A FEW...
...SLICK MOVES...
...OF MY OWN!

AND NOW THAT I'VE GOT A LITTLE ROOM TO USE MY DAZZLE STARS--
--MAYBE I'LL LET YOU SEE A FEW OF THEM.
MY EYES! I AM BLINDED!
THEN YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE MY MOVES.

AIN'T THAT A KICK IN THE HEAD!
KRAK

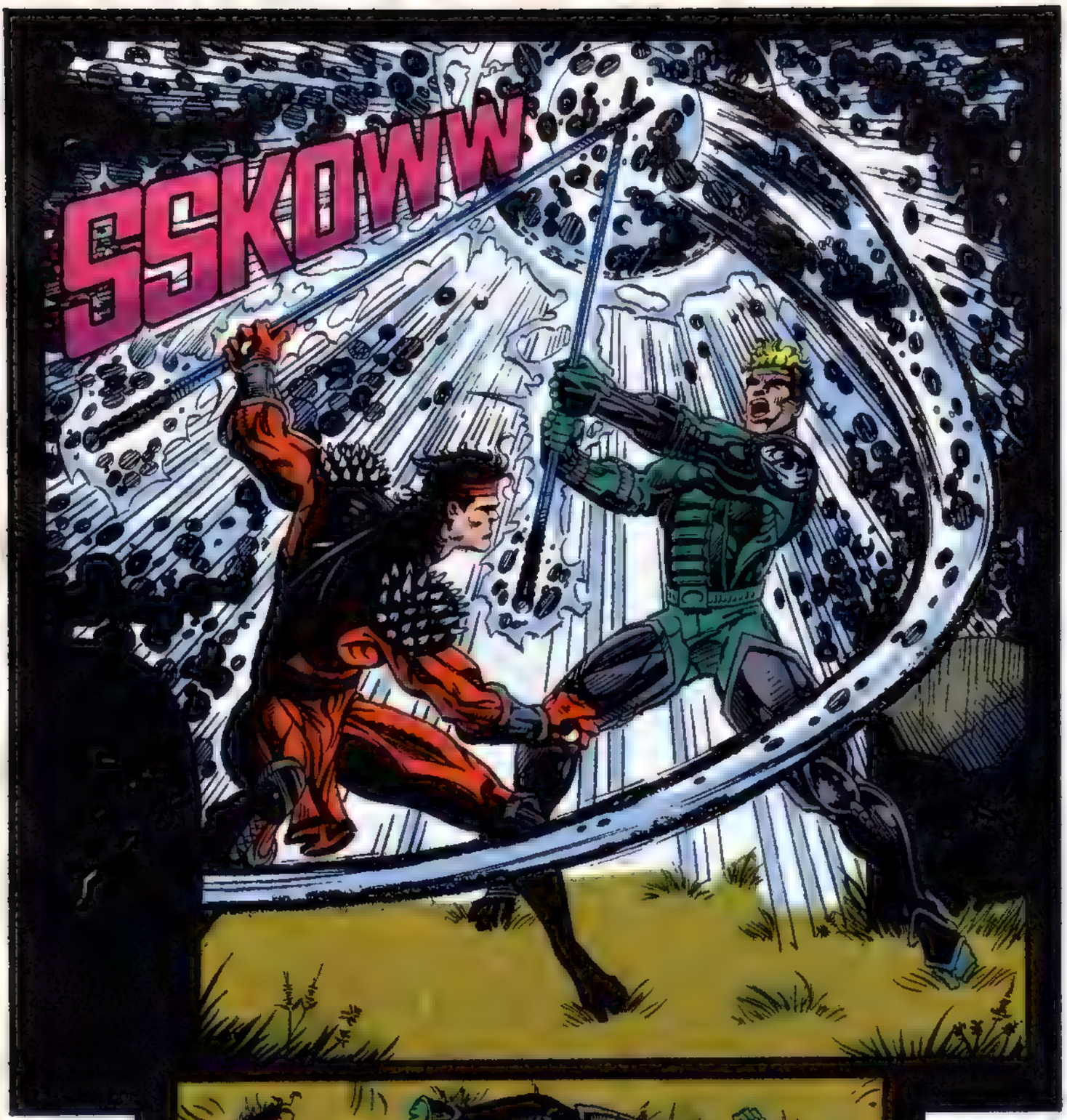
SQUNK

LISTEN, I DON'T WANT YOU TO MISS OUT ON ANYTHING JUST BECAUSE YOU CAN'T SEE, SO I'LL DESCRIBE THE ACTION TO YOU.
I'M PULLING OUT ONE OF MY FAVORITE WEAPONS.

FWASH
IT'S CALLED A DRAGON LANCE.
VOOOOOSH
AND HERE'S HOW IT WORKS!

GEEZ! DID I VAPORIZE HIM?
I'M SORRY, I WAS DIS-TRACTED EARLIER.
AM I OPERATING THE DRAGON LANCE PROPERLY?
VOOOOOSH
WELL, YOU'RE NOT BAD FOR A BEGINNER--
TOK

--BUT I THINK YOU COULD STILL USE A FEW LESSONS. LET ME HELP YOU OUT--
KRAK
CHOK
--AFTER ALL, THERE'S NO TEACHER LIKE EXPERIENCE!
KRAK
AAAGH!!
ALL RIGHT, THAT DOES IT. EITHER YOU GIVE UP NOW, OR I'M TAKING YOU OUT!
THEN LET US FINISH IT!


SSKOWW

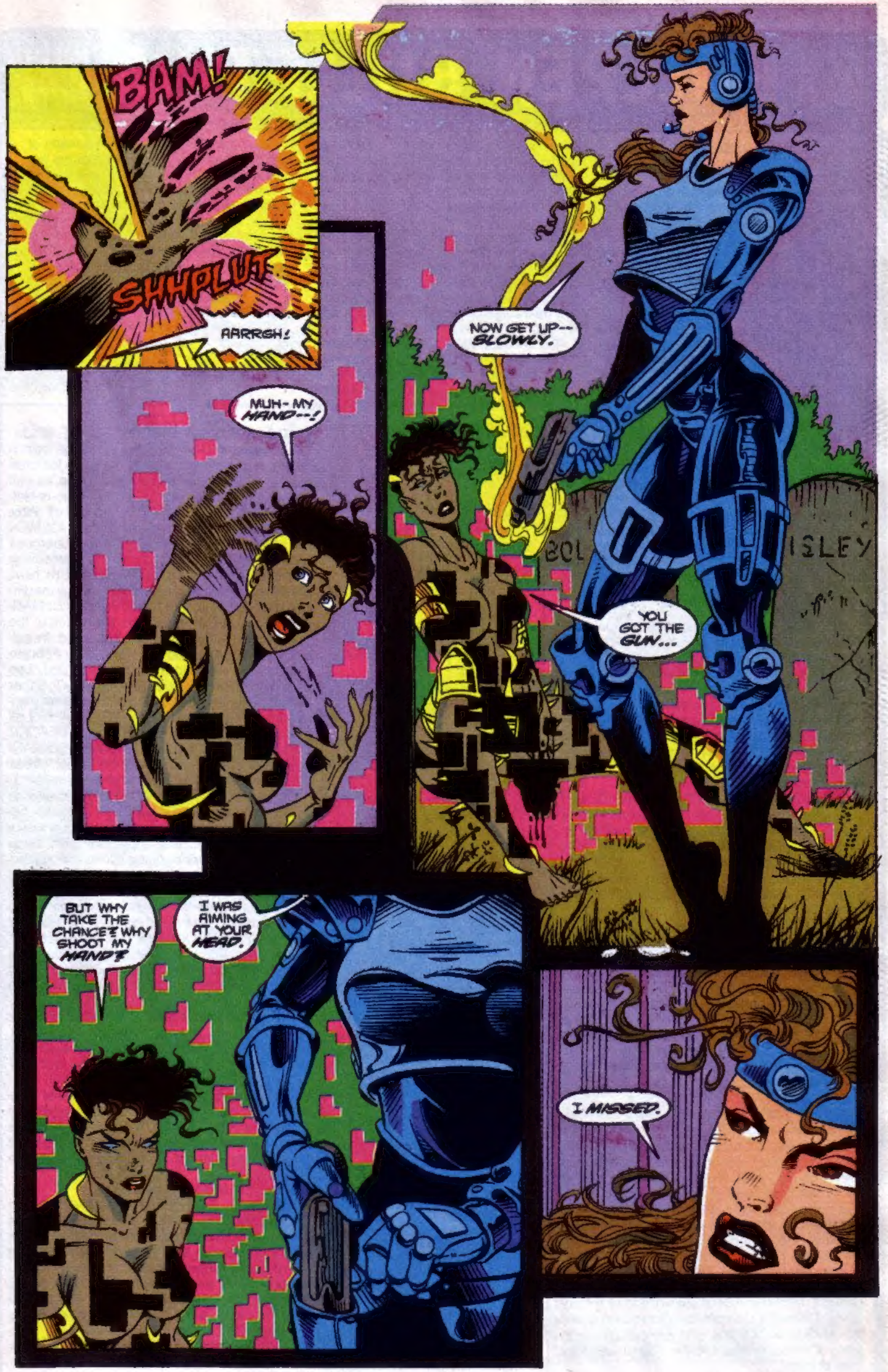
WHILE, IN AN ALLEY IN DOWNTOWN OLIGOPOLIS...
PATIENCE, IT'S ALMOST THERE--
GOT IT!
HURRY UP, MAN, HOW LONG CAN AN ELECTRONIC LOCKPICK TAKE?
THAT IS, I GOT SOME-THING.
WHAT KIND OF RADIO IS THAT?
FORGE IT, I'LL JUST POP THE TRUNK AND SEE IF THERE'S ANYTHING IN--
--THERE.
YOU GUYS SURE PICKED THE WRONG CAR TO STRIP...

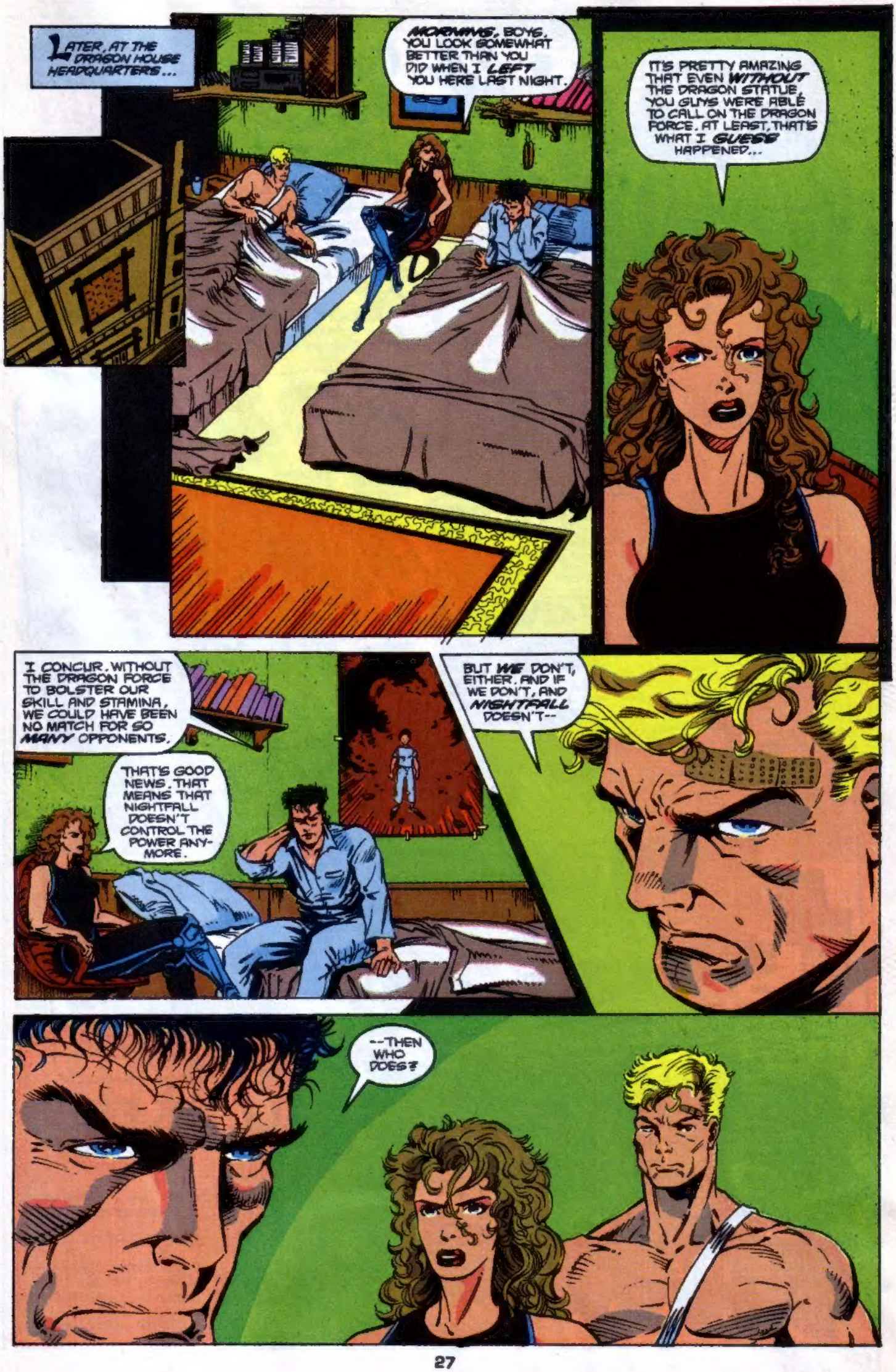
CHOKK
THOKK
AAAH! A COP!
MY NEXT CAR IS DEFINITELY GOING TO HAVE A BIGGER TRUNK.
THIS IS OFFICER STEELE. I'VE GOT A COUPLE OF CAR THIEVES FOR PICK-UP.
DO THE PAPER-WORK FOR ME, WILL YOU? I'VE GOT SOMETHING TO FOLLOW UP ON...
...LIKE WARNING THE DRAGONS THAT STELTH'LL BE LOOKING FOR THEM.
WHOOOSH

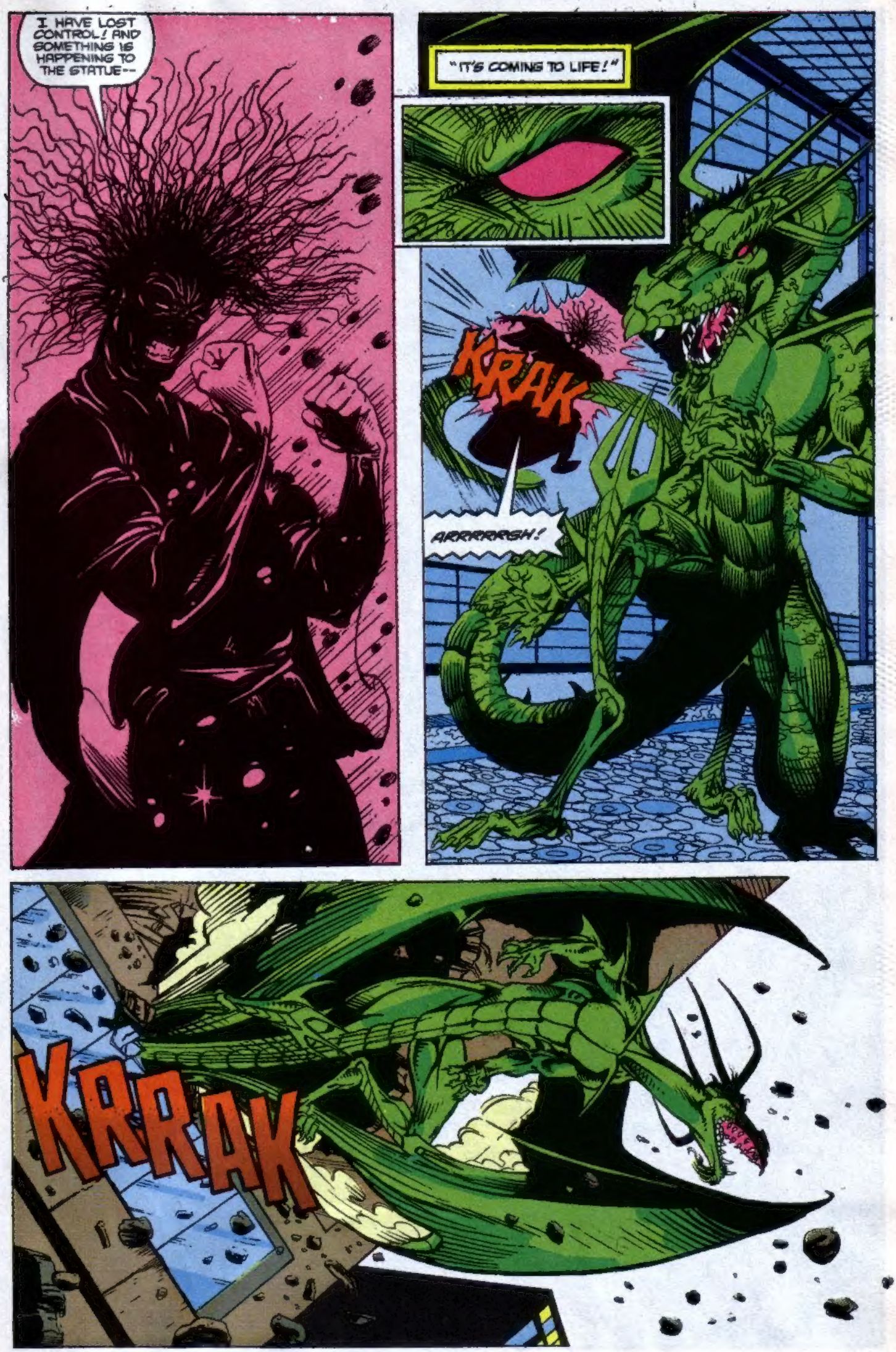
THIS IS NOT FINISHED, IMPOSTOR.
YOU HAVE FOUGHT WELL, BUT IT IS OVER. THERE IS NO SHAME IN THIS, YOU HAVE MERELY MET YOUR BETTER.
IN YOUR DREAMS.
KRAK
AUGH!
WHUDD
AND AS LONG AS YOU'RE DREAMING--
WHUD

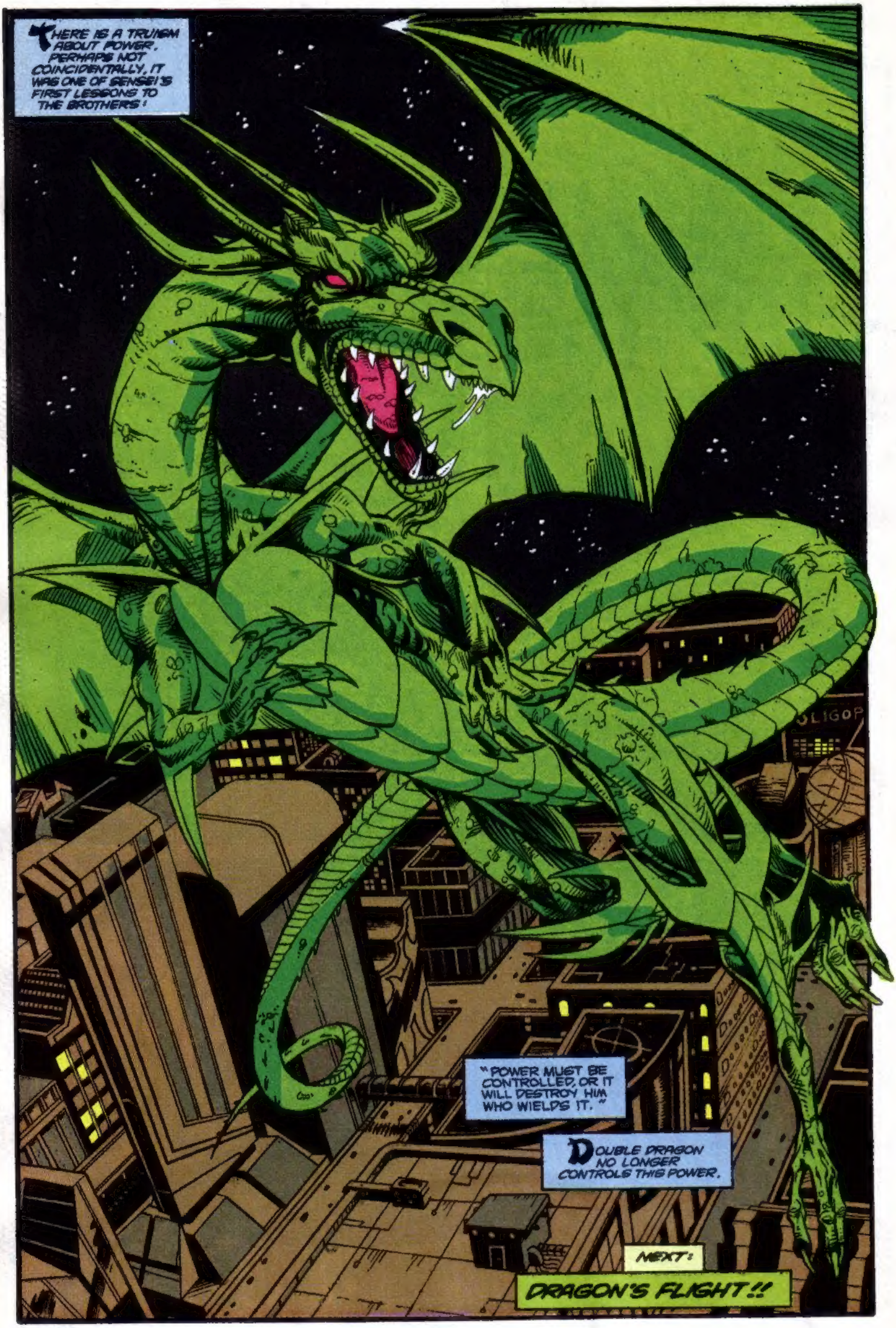
--YOU MAY AS WELL...
...DO IT...
...WHILE YOU'RE...
...ASLEEP!
WONDERING HOW YOU'LL FIND YOUR REAL BROTHER AMONG ALL OF THE DOUBLES?
WHO...?

IT'S EASY. HE'S THE ONE AT YOUR FEET.
CONGRATULATIONS, BILLY. YOU JUST BEAT YOUR BROTHER TO A BLOODY PULP.
WOK!
TAK
KRAK
YOU'RE NOT FIGHTING TOO WELL, WHAT'S THE MATTER, DRAGON? TIRED?
WELL, REST IN PIECES.
SHLAK!


BAM!
SHHPLUT
AARRGH!
MUH-MY HAND--!
NOW GET UP--- SLOWLY.
YOU GOT THE GUN...
BUT WHY TAKE THE CHANCE? WHY SHOOT MY HAND?
I WAS AIMING AT YOUR HEAD.
I MISSED.


LATER, AT THE DRAGON HOUSE HEADQUARTERS...
MORNING, BOYS. YOU LOOK SOMEWHAT BETTER THAN YOU DID WHEN I LEFT YOU HERE LAST NIGHT.
IT'S PRETTY AMAZING THAT EVEN WITHOUT THE DRAGON STATUE, YOU GUYS WERE ABLE TO CALL ON THE DRAGON FORCE. AT LEAST, THAT'S WHAT I GUESS HAPPENED...
I CONCUR. WITHOUT THE DRAGON FORCE TO BOLSTER OUR SKILL AND STAMINA, WE COULD HAVE BEEN NO MATCH FOR SO MANY OPPONENTS.
THAT'S GOOD NEWS. THAT MEANS THAT NIGHTFALL DOESN'T CONTROL THE POWER ANY-MORE.
BUT WE DON'T, EITHER. AND IF WE DON'T, AND NIGHTFALL DOESN'T--
--THEN WHO DOES?


I HAVE LOST CONTROL! AND SOMETHING IS HAPPENING TO THE STATUE--
"IT'S COMING TO LIFE!"
KRAK
ARRRRRSH!
KRRAK


THERE IS A TRUISM ABOUT POWER. PERHAPS NOT COINCIDENTALLY, IT WAS ONE OF SENSEI'S FIRST LESSONS TO THE BROTHERS!
"POWER MUST BE CONTROLLED, OR IT WILL DESTROY HIM WHO WIELDS IT."
DOUBLE DRAGON NO LONGER CONTROLS THIS POWER.
NEXT:
DRAGON'S FLIGHT!!